

AGENDA



Thursday, June 8, 2006

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RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL
ACTION**

ITEM 13

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending Section 2-7-75 of the City Code relating to sworn financial disclosure statements.

Amount and Source of Funding:**Fiscal Note:****Additional Backup Material**

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No Attachments Available

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Prior Council Action:

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Ethics Review Commission

The Ethics Review Commission recommends this amendment to simplify the City's filing requirement for financial disclosure statements by allowing electronic filing. Under Chapter 2-7, city officials and specified board/commission members are required to file a sworn statement of financial information with the Office of the City Clerk. In order to comply with the Code, a filer must complete and file a notarized paper statement by mail or in person at the City Clerk's Office. Web-based technology has evolved to permit a user-friendly, secure, and streamlined process for electronic filing. By adopting electronic filing for these statements, the City can automatic a time-consuming paper-based filing process for both the filer and the Office of the City Clerk. This Code amendment would give filers an option to electronically file financial information statements under oath via the City of Austin Connection website. A statement of financial information that is electronically filed with the Office of the City Clerk would be considered under oath regardless of the absence of an affidavit. The City Clerk will determine procedures for electronic filing of the statements.